

BOY SCOUTS OBSERVING 38TH ANNIVERSARY NOW

More than 2,120,000 members of the Boy Scouts of America throughout the nation will observe the 38th anniversary of the organization during Boy Scout Week which opens Friday Feb. 6 and continues through Thursday Feb. 12.

The anniversary will be celebrated in every city and town, and most villages and hamlets throughout the nation and its possessions. It is young America's largest birthday celebration.

The theme of Boy Scout Week this year is "The Scout Citizen at Work . . . in his home . . . in his community . . . in his nation . . . in his world." Scouting's activities for the year beginning with the birthday celebration will be related to this theme.

The nation's Boy Scouts are engaged in the program of saving and producing food to alleviate the world's food shortage. As part of their service program this year each Boy Scout is expected to "save a bushel, grow a bushel, share a bushel" of food.

Each Cub Pack, Boy Scout Troop, Senior Scout unit, will share in a "Report to the Nation" that will tell of their community services last year and their program for this year. The report will be made to the President of the United States, to Congress and to the United Nations.

In addition to conserving food and natural resources, the Boy Scouts will emphasize safety and fire prevention, home repairs and personal health. Through their World Friendship Fund of voluntary gifts the Scouts have sent more than 3,000 tons of supplies to help Scout organizations overseas to rebuild. This aid is to be continued through 1948.

Scouting is having a rebirth in many of the countries ravaged by the war. The Boy Scouts International Bureau in London reports a world membership of 4,409,780 boys and leaders in 42 nations.

World peace and mutual understanding is an objective of Scouting. Through World Scout Jamborees and the resultant expanding interest in friendships, understanding and personal relationships through correspondence these aims are increasingly being met. The Sixth World Jamboree last summer brought 30,000 Boy Scouts and leaders together in France from 38 nations.

The Boy Scouts of America is the largest group in the World Scout Brotherhood. Its 2,120,000 Scouts and leaders are members of 68,500 units. They in turn come under the jurisdiction of 545 local Boy Scout Councils which provide camping experiences, leadership training, scoutcraft activities and Courts of Honor to mark individual growth through the grades of the various programs.

At special Boy Scout Week meetings fathers, mothers and friends will see that the Scout unit is an example of "democracy at work." Scouts and parents alike will enjoy an evening given over to Scout games, stunts, campfire songs and skits. Each Unit will make public at these meetings its part of "The Report to the Nation" listing the community services it rendered in 1947 and its plans for this year.

Scout delegations will call upon the mayor or other head of local government to report on what Scout Citizens have done in community service and the scope of the work to be

undertaken for the community in months ahead.

Food Program

In peace as in war, Scouts try "to help other people at all times" in accordance with their Scout Oath or Promise. With 200 million of the world's children on "the very border of starvation" due to the world food shortage the Scouts are "all out" in the food saving and sharing program.

Each Scout and leader will "save a bushel" by eating grain substitutes. More potatoes, vegetables, fruit and other perishable foods will be consumed at Scout camps and less bread and meat. Rural Scouts can help by destroying rodents who each year cause the loss of 5 percent of stored grain of they can aid by feeding livestock more hay, table and garden leavings and other grain feed substitutes.

Every Scout and leader with access to a piece of land is encouraged to "grow an extra bushel" or more of garden produce or field crops during the year. Scout Units are urged to "share a bushel" by sending a CARE or other equivalent food package to a brother Scout or needy family abroad by sharing in Relief Overseas Project, or giving a holiday food package to the needy here at home. During the year Scouts will work closely with governors and mayors committees on food relief, county agents and the Agricultural Extension Service, farm organizations, garden clubs and seed and insecticide groups, church and national relief groups or other youth-serving agencies and officers of temporary food distribution such as the Friendship Train.

During Boy Scout Week many Troops will take over scores of store windows to display some of their handiwork and to demonstrate some of the skills they acquire through the program. Thousands of new Scouts will be inducted through investiture ceremonies, and the Scouts of the nation re-dedicate themselves to the Scout Oath and Law.

Feb. 8, the actual anniversary date of the original incorporation of the movement in Washington, D. C., will be marked in countless churches of all denominations as Boy Scout Sunday. Scouts and leaders will attend church services in uniform. Those of Jewish faith will hold their observances in synagogues and temples on Friday evening, Feb. 6 and Saturday Feb. 7. Many sermons, addressed to the Scouts, will touch on some aspect of the birthday theme.

Troop Reunions

Troop meetings during Boy Scout Week are often troop reunions with former members dropping in to renew acquaintances and check on the Unit's progress. There will be District pot luck dinners and Scout rallies bringing together many Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and their parents. In this way parents get to know more about the Scouting programs; the boys with whom their sons work and play; and the high type of volunteer leaders that are attracted to the movement.

Since 1910 more than 14,000,000 American boys and men have been identified with the Boy Scouts of America.

Faith visits us in defeat and disappointment, amid the consciousness of earthy frailty and the crumbling tombstones of mortality.—E. H. Chapin

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